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## WALL STREET DEMANDS BONDS.

The dispatches announce that "Wall street bankers are practically a unit in favor of the issue of bonds." And did not everybody know this before the dispatches made formal announcement of it? Did not every well informed person know that the combined power of Wall street has for months been directed to the creation of just such a condition as now exists in order that this cry for more bonds might be listened to at the treasury department? A dispatch of April 22, says:

The most important event of the day was a long conference between the bank presidents and Assistant Treasurer Conrad N. Jordan at the clearing house this afternoon. The meeting lasted two hours. After it was over it was learned from one who was present that Henry W. Cannon, president of the Chase National bank, had had a conference with Mr. Jordan last night and had gone to Washington as an emissary from the bankers here to President Cleveland.

Who doubts the final result of these conferences? The demand for bonds will be temporarily resisted in order to exhibit an apparent reluctance on the part of the administration to yield to a measure so adverse to the will of the people. The offer of gold by the banks with the seeming good intent of aiding the government to tide over an emergency, is a part of the scheme, in order to make the final surrender appear in the light of a necessity. This dispatch continues:

At the meeting the financial situation was thoroughly discussed and it was decided that the parity of gold and silver must be maintained and that the government must meet its obligations in gold at any cost.

It was practically decided among the bankers that they would advance no more gold to the treasurer without an invitation, and even then not a large amount without a bond issue.

Here is the old hypocritical cry of the necessity of maintaining the parity of gold and silver, and the maintenance of gold payments is assumed as the only method by which such parity can be assured. Do those gold-bug aristocrats still entertain the notion that they can continue to blind the eyes of the people with chaff? Suppose that congress could be induced to stone in a measure for the

crime of 1873 and restore silver to an equality with gold before the law; would this have any influence in maintaining its parity with gold?

The late census reports show that for over two hundred years prior to 1873 the two metals were maintained at a parity as money metals regardless of the varied proportions of their production; and that not until the laws made a discrimination against silver was there any difficulty about the parity of the two metals.

It is not supposed that anything that can be said or done will prevent this additional contemplated crime against humanity. The issue of bonds may be delayed but they will be issued and another interest bearing debt will be fastened upon the people. It undoubtedly requires just this kind of a lesson to demonstrate that democracy and republicanism are one and the same. Let us have the lesson. Experience is a dear school, but fools will learn in no other, and some are such hopeless idiots that even experience will teach them nothing. It will be noted that these patriotic bankers have decided "to advance no more gold without invitation, and even then not a large amount without a bond issue." Wall street patriotism is the same now that it was during the war, and there never was a time when it would not sacrifice the nation for individual profit.

## RETAIL IMPLEMENT DEALERS' COMBINE.

A correspondent writing to the *Farm and Fireside* from Bell, Iowa, inquires if there is such a thing as a retail implement dealers' combine in Iowa. That journal, in the issue of April 29, replies as follows:

The Iowa Retail Implement Dealers' Combine held their annual meeting at Des Moines, February 7. After banqueting luxuriously in a style which gave the lie to their claims of inability to make a living under existing conditions, the usual stereotyped resolutions, bristling with threats of boycott against manufacturers who might venture to be independent enough to disobey their behests, were unanimously passed.

The following are samples:

*Resolved*, That we demand of manufacturers that they confine the sale of their wares to regular dealers; and that each and every member of this association pledge himself to use all reasonable efforts to enforce this rule to the extent of refusing to buy or handle the goods of any manufacturer or jobber who sells to persons other than regular dealers anywhere in the state of Iowa, unless such jobber or manufacturer makes due reparation.

*Resolved*, That in the sense of this association the sale of harvesters and binders and mowers is unprofitable to us, and unless the manufacturers will co-operate with us in bringing about a positive change, the retail dealers of Iowa should, as a body, discontinue their sale.

*Resolved*, That the practice of taking old machines in part pay, or other worthless articles as an excuse for a cut in price, should be abolished.

This means, should success follow the efforts of the combine, that farmers will have to burn their old machines and pay for new ones whatever prices the combine chooses to inflict.

Then follow the names of retail dealers in Iowa who have identified themselves with the combine. There is not the least doubt that such an organization exists. It is in exact accord with the eternal fitness of things under our competitive business system. The tendency of the times is to combination and consolidation of every business interest. If John Sherman's anti-trust law should happen to get loose among these combines some day what havoc it might create.

Is there an honest thinking man, be he republican, democrat or Popu-

list, who does not recognize the hypocrisy of republican and democratic promises to provide protection to the people against the extortions of corporations and combines? If so, he is more to be pitied than blamed. What a dismal farce that law is! It was never intended to benefit the people. There is nothing in it but a little cheap buncombe, and that was all exhausted long ago. The remedy lies in the control of public utilities by the people in their own interest, in fraternalism, and not in the system of paternalism that now prevails. When all these interests have become consolidated ready to be directed from a single head, the people must take possession of that head, and direct the business in their own interest.

## A PROPOSED NEW FARMERS' ORGANIZATION.

In another column will be found a call for a meeting to be held in Chicago on May 23 with a view ostensibly of effecting a closer organization of the farmers of the country. There is something a little peculiar in this proposal. There are suspicions in many quarters that the movement has originated with that class of patriots who have talked a great deal recently about the necessity of maintaining the absolute non-partisanship of the Alliance and other farmers' organizations. Non-partisanship in their estimation consists in playing into the hands of the democratic party just before an important election. The names of leading men of the F. M. B. A. appear upon this call, and this reminds us of something. It will be remembered by those who have had an eye upon some of our would-be reformers that Dr. Macune was at Indianapolis sometime before the November election in consultation with leading members of this organization, and it is barely possible that this non-partisan farmers' organization may have been suggested at that conference. Our readers are aware that Dr. Macune is especially noted for his non-partisanship.

By the way, is it possible that this may be the new farmers' organization that the *Southern Toller* spoke of the other day which that other non-partisan patriot, Ben Terrill, was trying to organize in Tennessee?

Farmers who have been schooled in the Alliance will not be caught by any such scheme as this. It will be observed that the president of the general assembly repudiates it, and the honest, thinking farmers of the country, who have learned that votes can alone effect a change for their benefit, will also repudiate it.

A PRESS dispatch from Ogden, Utah, during the session of the Trans-Mississippi congress last week, told how J. W. Ady and one A. W. Stubbs made a show of themselves on the floor of the convention by making uncomplimentary references to the state they heralded from. One of them said he wanted it understood that he was not the appointee from the "accidental" governor of Kansas. The dispatch may have been true and it may not, but we can believe almost anything that is said of a man who

will try to get a seat in the state legislature without an election, or a man who will let his name be used to contest a seat in the United States senate with only a shadow of a case. To say the least, that "accident" speech showed very bad breeding on the part of the speaker, and assuming that it was made as reported, one cannot help but conclude (without reflecting on the parentage of the gentlemen named above) that the one who would make such a speech on such an occasion must have been an accident by birth.

The fusionists are making great capital, or think they are, over the fact that the republicans rejoice in Kansas when the stalwarts gain a victory. They do rejoice, certainly, and they will be greatly pleased if the fusionists are turned down and get nothing. They like to see honesty rewarded and shysterism repudiated.—Lawrence Journal, April 25.

Certainly, the stalwarts fused with republicans instead of Populists, and that variety of fusion is much more consistent in republican eyes than the other kind. Why shouldn't republicans rejoice when stalwarts win a victory? It is a republican victory and they have a right to rejoice in it.

## Cyclone Sufferers Appeal.

Last week the Indian Territory was visited by several destructive cyclones, the worst of which was at Norman, Oklahoma. From that place the following appeal has been made to the public through the press:

"Two terrible cyclones visited this locality Tuesday evening, April 25. No one can describe the awful scenes that have been witnessed to-day by hundreds of our citizens. Whole families were killed outright. Twenty-five or thirty are known to be dead, and over 100 wounded within a few miles along its pathway. Reports are still coming in from points farther away, telling of the number of dead and wounded. No account is taken of loss of live stock and other property destroyed. Dead animals are lying everywhere. Help is needed and needed now. Our people are doing all they can to relieve suffering, but can do but little compared with actual wants. Anything in the way of donations will be thankfully received and will be judiciously distributed to the needy ones. Send money, clothing or food to D. W. Marquart, postmaster; J. Ellard, mayor; George Smith, sheriff; W. H. Belamy, recorder; L. B. Durkee, county treasurer."

## Resolutions From Labette County.

EDITOR ADVOCATE:—I am directed to ask you to publish the enclosed resolutions, and oblige the members of Mount Zion Alliance, No. 226:

WHEREAS, The county superintendent of public instruction of Labette county, and others, saw fit to have a bill passed by the state legislature of this state creating a high school at Altamont, thereby denying the right of petition or remonstrance, contrary to article 2, 17th section of the constitution of the state of Kansas, which says: "All laws of a general nature shall have a uniform operation throughout the state; and in all cases where a general law can be made applicable, no special law shall be enacted;" and in direct contravention of the fundamental principles of the Farmer's Alliance. Therefore be it

*Resolved*, By Mount Zion Alliance, No. 226, that we denounce the aforesaid special legislation in regard to said county high school, and ask the co-operation of all of the sub-Alliances of this county to keep our folks in the middle of the road.

THOS. D. BENSON, Secretary.  
Timber Hill, Kas., April 17, 1893.